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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tohru FUSHIKI et al.

DATE: April 4, 2000

U.S. SERIAL NO.: 09/367,481

ART UNIT: 1651

FILED: August 13, 1999

EXAMINER: Coe, S.

FOR: ATHLETIC ENDURANCE INCREASING AGENT

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the USPTO Official Action of January 14, 2000, please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE TITLE:

Please change title to – ATHLETIC ENDURANCE ENHANCING AGENT --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

32. (Amended) A method of enhancing exercise endurance in a subject undertaking exercise comprising administering to the subject a food composition [for enhancing exercise endurance] comprising a food and (-)-hydroxycitric acid or a lactone form thereof, or a salt thereof, as active ingredient.